

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

SENATE

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act: S. 1536, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

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District of Columbia Appropriations Act: S. 1543, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

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Nominations Received:

Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth A. Marra, of Florida, to be **United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida**, vice a new position created by Public Law 106-553, approved December 21, 2000.

Percy Anderson, of California, to be **United States District Judge for the Central District of California**, vice Kim McLane Wardlaw, elevated.

Jose E. Martinez, of Florida, to be **United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida**, vice Edward B. Davis, retired.

Lance M. Africk, of Louisiana, to be **United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana**, vice Edith Brown Clement, elevated.

Stanley R. Chesler, of New Jersey, to be **United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey**, vice Anne Elise Thompson, retired.

Frederick W. Rohlfing, III, of Hawaii, to be **United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii**, vice Alan C. Kay, retired.

Joan E. Lancaster, of Minnesota, to be **United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota**, vice Paul A. Magnuson, retired.

William J. Martini, of New Jersey, to be **United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey**, vice John C. Lifland, retired.

Thomas M. Rose, of Ohio, to be **United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio**, vice Herman J. Weber, retired.

Michael M. Baylson, of Pennsylvania, to be **United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**, vice Robert F. Kelly, retired.

Joy Flowers Conti, of Pennsylvania, to be **United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania**, vice Alan N. Bloch, retired.

Legrome D. Davis, of Pennsylvania, to be **United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**, vice Edmund V. Ludwig, retired.

Terrence F. Mc Verry, of Pennsylvania, to be **United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania**, vice Donald E. Ziegler, retired.

Cynthia M. Rufe, of Pennsylvania, to be **United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**, vice Norma Levy Shapiro, retired.

Arthur J. Schwab, of Pennsylvania, to be **United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania**, vice Maurice B. Cohill, Jr. retired.

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Nominations Received (Cont'd.):

Samuel H. Mays, Jr., of Tennessee, to be **United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee**, vice Jerome Turner, deceased.

Ronald H. Clark, of Texas, to be **United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas**, vice Howell Cobb, retired.

Leonard E. Davis, of Texas, to be **United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas**, vice Paul N. Brown, retired.

David C. Godbey, of Texas, to be **United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas**, vice Robert B. Maloney, retired.

Andrew S. Hanen, of Texas, to be **United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas**, vice Filemon B. Vela, retired.

Henry E. Hudson, of Virginia, to be **United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia**, vice a new position created by Public Law 106-553, approved December 21, 2000.

Ronald B. Leighton, of Washington, to be **United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington**, vice Robert J. Bryan, retired.

William C. Griesbach, of Wisconsin, to be **United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin**, vice a new position created by Public Law 106-553, approved December 21, 2000.

John F. Walter, of California, to be **United States District Judge for the Central District of California**, vice John G. Davies, retired.

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Nominations Withdrawn:

Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Scott A. Abdallah, of South Dakota, to be *United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota* for the term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on November 30, 2001.

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Committee Meeting:

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current economic and budget situation facing the United States, focusing on the upcoming Congressional Budget Office report, "*The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2003-2012.*"

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, January 24, 2002:

Committee on Appropriations: @ 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine funding issues surrounding cloning research. SD-192.

Committee on the Budget: @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the state of the Economy. SD-608.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the operations and management of the bankrupted Enron Corporation. SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 2:00 p.m. *To hold hearings on certain judicial nominations.* SD-226.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled:

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 1/29/02 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold oversight hearings to examine the financial war on terrorism and the Administration's implementation of the anti-money laundering provisions of the USA Patriot Act. SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, 1/29/02 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings on certain budgetary issues and the economic outlook of the United States. SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 2/4/02 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine issues surrounding the Enron Corporation. SR-253.

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Remark:

Agenda For The Second Session Of The 107th Congress.

Daschle

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 3611. A bill to permit the closed circuit televising of the criminal trial of Zacarias Moussaoui for the victims of September 11th; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Davis

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H.R. 3614. A bill to repeal the provision of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 that requires the reduction of a claimant's compensation by the amount of any collateral source compensation payments the claimant is entitled to receive, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Holt

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H.R. 3617. A bill to withdraw certain benefits of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act from auditors that perform non-audit functions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

Markey

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H.R. 3619. *A bill to convert certain temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships, extend a judgeship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

McNulty

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H.R. 3620. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the four-year requirement for the time following retirement from active duty during which a retired member of the Armed Forces must have received a disability rating in order to be eligible for the special disability compensation provided under section 1413 of that title; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Miller

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 3621. A bill to *improve the security of seaports* and the marine environment to promote public safety and commerce; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees

on Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Vitter

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First Sponsor:

Agreed that Representative Jeff Miller of Florida will hereafter be considered as first sponsor of H.R. 548, to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints. The bill was originally introduced by former Representative Scarborough of Florida.

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Election of Minority Whip Nancy Pelosi of California:

Minority Leader Gephardt announced the election of Representative Pelosi to the position of Minority Whip.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on CBO's Projections.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on implementation of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act focusing on the 60-day Deadline for Screening and Checked Baggage.

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Committee Meeting For Thursday, January 24, 2002:

Committee on Energy and Commerce, @ 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the destruction of Enron-related documents by Anderson personnel. 2322 Rayburn.

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Remarks:

Homeland Security.

Skelton

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Employee And Retiree Restoration Assistance Act Of 2002.

"... Then, we should also find a way that the Federal courts can establish a fund in the New York bankruptcy proceeding so that laid-off Enron employees may be able to travel to New York from Houston to be able to watch the bankruptcy proceedings that they had originally asked to be held in Houston, Texas. This is allowed because we have done so under the Federal Judiciary when indigent petitioners are not able to travel long distances. In the alternative, we should try to provide home-based viewing of this particular proceeding for these employees who have been so hurt..."

Jackson-Lee

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Enron Debacle.

Miller

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Enron/Andersen Scandal.

Doggett

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Questioning Credibility Of Federal Studies.

McInnis

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Closed-Circuit Court Proceedings For Victims Of The Terrorist Attacks Of September 11th.

"...Unfortunately, the Federal Judicial Conference, which has authority over the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia where the trial will occur, does not permit court proceedings to be televised. This legislation would require the closed-circuit broadcast of the proceedings to "convenient locations" around the nation. It is modeled after Section 235 of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, (P.L. 104-132), [] This legislation mirrors legislation already passed in the Senate (S. 1858) that would allow those whom the court determines to have a "compelling interest" to witness the trial--but are unable to attend because of expense, inconvenience, or courtroom space limitations--to do so via closed-circuit transmission. [] The court retains the discretion to designate additional sites..."

Davis

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NEW PUBLIC LAWS

H.R. 2336, to extend for 4 years, through December 31, 2005, the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers. Signed on January 16, 2002. (Public Law 107-126)

H.R. 2944, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Signed on December 21, 2001. (Public Law 107-96)

H.J. Res. 79, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002. Signed on December 21, 2001. (Public Law 107-97)

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NEW PUBLIC LAWS (CONT'D.)

H.J. Res. 80, appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress. Signed on December 21, 2001. (Public Law 107-98)

H.R. 1291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve authorities relating to education

benefits, burial benefits, and vocational rehabilitation benefits for veterans, to modify certain authorities relating to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Signed on December 27, 2001. (Public Law 107-103)

H.R. 2559, to amend chapter 5 of title 38, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance.

S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Signed on December 28, 2001. (Public Law 107-107)

H.R. 2883, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Signed on December 28, 2001. (Public Law 107-108)

H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind. Signed on January 8, 2002. (Public Law 107-110)

H.R. 2199, to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. Signed on January 8, 2002. (Public Law 107-113)

H.R. 2657, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to redesignate the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as the Family Court of the Superior Court, to recruit and retain trained and experienced judges to serve in the Family Court, to promote consistency and efficiency in the assignment of judges to the Family Court and in the consideration of actions and proceedings in the Family Court. Signed on January 8, 2002. (Public Law 107-114)

H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Signed on January 10, 2002. (Public Law 107-115)

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H.R. 3338, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Signed on January 10, 2002. (Public Law 107-117)

H.R. 2869, to provide certain relief for small businesses from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and to amend such Act to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs. Signed on January 11, 2002. (Public Law 107-118)

S. 1202, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006. Signed on January 15, 2002. Public Law 107-119

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Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 9:30 a.m., January 24, 2002.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Thursday, 10:00 a.m., January 24, 2002.

OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos